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The State University.

It is a source of deep regret that the disensions in the faculty of the University, which have been whispered about for the past year, have culminated in the recommendation by President Raymond, in his annual report to the board of regents, for the dismissal of five professors, whom he charges with incompetency and disloyalty to the head of the institution.

That a house divided against itself must fall is not only scripturally true, but a logical verity. The Intelligencer has refrained from giving voice to the various rumors that have reached it with regard to a state of insurrection that is alleged to have prevailed in the government of the institution, and the many harsh criticisms that have been made against President Raymond's administration, for the reason that any extended discussion of the affairs of the institution from that point of view would tend to injure its usefulness and mar its fair fame.

It appears, however, that a situation exists that must be met unflinchingly by fear or favor. The merits of the case have not developed sufficiently to warrant a decided expression of opinion one way or the other, but the Intelligencer urges the regents to make the most searching inquiry into the causes which have conspired to bring about the present unhappy state, and apply the most drastic measures to cure the contortions and bickerings that have long been whispered scandals.

Former troubles connected with the management of the institution have been hatched through local influences, aggravated by parties who imagine they are the particular guardians of the University; that the success of the institution depends upon their assumed supervision of its affairs. It is this important interference that has conveyed the impression to the people throughout the state that the local censorship will not tolerate any methods that it does not approve. This is very unfortunate for the welfare of the University, and this spirit, if persisted in, will seriously affect its destiny as the leading educational institution of the state. But deplorable as the situation appears at this writing it is to be hoped that the wisdom of the regents will direct them to a comprehensive solution of the present difficulties.

Effect of the European Coal Famine.

The coal famine in Europe is not abating one whit of its severities. According to a recent dispatch the price of English coal has risen from 9 to 12 shillings to 20 and 30 shillings. As a consequence the Austrian-Lloyds Steamship Company, has been obliged to largely increase its freight tariff. The change in rates, having already received the sanction of the Austrian minister of commerce, has already gone into effect. When Austria entered into a contract to pay a large subsidy to the Austrian-Lloyds Steamship Company (the subsidy exceeding \$1,000,000 per year) certain rights were reserved by the government as to the maximum rates that should be charged upon certain products carried. The British ambassador at Vienna reports that the difference in the coal bill of the Austrian-Lloyds line alone will amount to 2,000,000 crowns, or more than \$400,000, during the current year if prices remain as at present.

That this condition is likely to seriously restrict the exportation of the manufactured products of Austria—and the same condition is general all over Europe—cannot be doubted. That the government recognizes this is shown in the fact that sugar, bentwood furniture, beads and matches are specifically exempted from the increased freight rates. Sugar, in the exportation of which Austria pays a bounty, as does France, Germany and other European nations, constitutes about one half the cargoes carried to the far east in the ships of the Austrian-Lloyd line, and an increase in the freight charged on that commodity might close the Asiatic markets to Austria.

The vital interest to America in the situation with respect to coal that now obtains in European countries is found in the general belief that this country is alone capable of supplying the world's increased demand for coal. The rise in the rate charged for coal will enable sailing ships to better compete for the time being at least, with steamships, and to an extent the large New England schooners will derive a benefit from the great demand for coal now prevalent all over Europe. But were there such an inducement offered for the operation of American ships in the foreign trade by our government as is

offered by other governments to their merchant ships in the foreign trade, this new condition would be of untold permanent benefit to the country. It is expected here that these conditions will lead to an early consideration of the pending shipping bill, its friends predicting its passage at the present session.

Dewey's Alleged Candidacy.

We do not know that the conditions have changed since Admiral Dewey most emphatically announced that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for the presidency. His reported expressions to a correspondent of the New York World, that he has decided to rescind his former determination, and that this decision is through the assurances that have come to him lately from his countrymen that he would make an acceptable candidate, do not exactly read like the Admiral Dewey we were first acquainted with. If this interview is authentic it will be a sad day for the admiral when he places himself "in the hands of his friends"—political friends who will have no possible use for him except to benefit themselves through his popularity. But Admiral Dewey will find that his popularity as the hero of Manila Bay will be of an entirely different character from that of a candidate for the presidency.

We do not know what influences have worked on the admiral, and we would be sorry to know that the social ambitions of a woman have inspired this change in the man. One thing is certain, however, there has been no uprising of the populace as one man demanding that he shall be their candidate. Besides the only "open door" to the presidency for him would be through the pleasure of the Bryan Democracy, which meets in Kansas City. There is certainly no room for him at the top in the Republican party. If it is a shrewd move on the part of the Democrats to use Dewey as a club to kill off Bryan, we can see in it the desperate straits to which that party have been driven. But even if they succeed in driving Bryan off the platform, much of it will still remain that will be repugnant to the thinking people of the country. If Dewey should run as the Democratic candidate he will be a worse whipped man than if Bryan were at the head of the ticket. Really we sympathize with the admiral and think he is making the mistake of his life. However, we are not sufficiently convinced that he has been reported accurately. Let us trust, for his sake, that he has not.

Christian Science.

So-called Christian Science, a modern sophistry that is making some headway among the credulous class of people, received some pretty hard knocks at the hands of a lecturer in New York the other day. The lecturer, William A. Purinton, characterized the so-called faith as a product of ignorance, irreflexivity, vanity, vulgarity, inconsequence, incoherence and greed, and charged that its textbook, "Science and Health, With Key to the Scriptures," was written in a jargon at once irritating and comical in the eyes of intelligent and educated persons not under the spell of the delusion.

In speaking of the blasphemous pretensions of Mrs. Eddy, the "holy head" of the sect, the lecturer said:

Christian Science is the presumptuous assumption that in 1896 God revealed to a chronic invalid—drifting from one physician, one school of medicine, one phase of religion, to another, as the hysterical do—truth that during long centuries He had hidden from priests, scholars, poets, and even simple, and gave to her a key to unlock the sealed book of the Scriptures, with the extraordinary result that, to use the discoverer's own words, "Most of the knowledge I had gleaned from schoolbooks vanished like a dream."

That her doctrine is not Christian from the view point of the church, would appear from a recent letter to Mr. Septimus J. Hanna, one of her twelve apostles, for like the discoverer of Mormonism, she has a body of apostles, called the board of Lecturers of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, To Mr. or Judge Hanna, then, she writes:

"A new discovery of science always has awakened the world to fierce combat, and Christian Science is no exception to this rule. I have marveled at the press and pulpit's patience with me, when I have taken away their Lord to present the cause of a new religion, and the community at large regardless of religious beliefs or metaphysical notions. It is well settled fact that the individual's right to believe does not imply a right to manifest bizarre beliefs in acts injurious to the physical and moral welfare of others."

But the most conclusive points he made against this every-day nonsense was the recital of the correspondence he had with Carol Norton, who is on the board of Christian Science lecturers. Mr. Purinton said he had propounded to him the following questions:

"If material aids to the injured are harmful, what course would you or Mrs. Eddy adopt in the following cases?"

"(a.) Walking along the street, a brick falls from above and cuts your head, causing the blood to flow?"

"(b.) A child at table swallows a fish-bone and is in peril of strangulation?"

"(c.) Your child is riding in a street car and a person with confluent small-pox sits down beside it?"

"(d.) A child in the street is run down by a cable car and bleeds from a severed artery?"

"(e.) A baby falls from a window and fractures its skull?"

Mr. Purinton read two replies to his questions, which were as follows: "The questions in your letter of April 29 I will shelve for the present, desiring to do one thing at a time," and, later, after being pressed for an answer: "I prefer to shelve them because to answer them would bring about wholly indifferent results."

"Richmond Has Fallen!"

Thirty-five years ago, April 3, the north was thrilled by the cry "Richmond has fallen!" No one of the present generation can imagine how much that meant to the people who were contending in armed conflict for the preservation of the Union as it stands in all its glorious integrity and prosperity to-day. "Richmond has fallen!" was a veritable cry out of the wilderness, but not of distress. Neither was it a song of exultation, but a hymn of praise to the God of battles who gave strength to the Union arms, and through them bringing to an end the awful fratricidal hostilities.

The Richmond Dispatch in referring to the anniversary of the event recalls the fact that President Davis and the

members of his cabinet left Richmond for Danville on Sunday, April 2, 1865, but the last of the Confederate troops did not withdraw until Monday morning, the 3rd. "As they crossed Mayo's bridge," says the Dispatch, "the advance guard of the opposing army entered, coming up through Fulton, and thence marching up Main street to the Capitol Square."

The tobacco warehouse had already been fired and the wind blowing from the southeast drove the flames from them across Cary street to Main. Not until hundreds of houses had been destroyed were the flames stayed by the combined efforts of federal soldiers and citizens.

Some few marks of that great conflagration yet remain, but for the most part "the burned district" is but a memory with elderly people and a tradition with the younger generation. New bridges, new railroad depots, new warehouses, and new stores have taken the places of those that crumbled into ashes on that fateful day.

But the rejoicing of the north was destined to be turned into the profoundest grief that ever stirred the hearts of a free people. Just eleven days after the fall of Richmond President Lincoln was most cruelly murdered by a fanatic with southern sympathies, who thought he was doing the south a service. In this he was woefully mistaken, for the strongest condemnation of his act came from those who had been contending against the government Lincoln represented. Time has happily softened the asperities of that hour of darkest tragedy, and the covenant of eternal Union has been sealed by another war which has forever cemented a friendship that never should have been strained.

A story is told by the New York Sun—which is so good that it ought to be true—of how William Lloyd Garrison, of Boston, an Abolitionist second in prominence only to Edwin Atkinson, recently read an essay on "Patriotism" before the pupils of a public school and afterward asked which of the children, after hearing his little article, could define patriotism, and how one boy replied that he could, and did so thus: "To hate your country, and feel satisfied."

The total destruction by fire yesterday afternoon of the mammoth auditorium at Kansas City, in which the Democratic national convention was to have been held July 4, presents a dilemma that may either cause the transfer of the convention to another city or postpone the date of meeting. Western people, however, are full of grit, and as they have over two full months and a half to replace the structure destroyed, a fine edifice may possibly rise on the ashes of the old one.

The Irish heart is truly chivalrous where woman is concerned. While Irishmen refuse to honor what Queen Victoria represents as the head of the state, they courteously recognize her individuality as a good motherly Christian woman.

The grand jury of Franklin county, Kentucky, to investigate the conspiracy charges against Republican state officials, and which is now in session, is composed of nine Goebellies and two Republicans, and a Brown Democrat.

The Louisville Courier-Journal pertinently suggests that it is not so much the Boers that ex-Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis expects to help as Webster Davis himself. The presumption is not at all violent.

Work on the rapid transit tunnel in New York city has already been stopped by a strike. This is not a very flattering prospect for a public improvement that will take years to complete.

The Intelligencer extends its felicitations to the Hon. John Daisell, of Pittsburgh, on his re-nomination by acclamation for Congress.

April is not behaving in a manner to gain the confidence of the people.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Leave anything to the lawyers and they'll never leave anything to you.

Midnight has two sides; one is made to go to bed on and the other is made to stay up with.

A girl's idea of a real rude man is one that doesn't look at her after the first glance.

A woman can remember some of the things her husband wrote to her just before they were married longer than she can remember her own name.

Every young mother whose baby is having teeth has got some fool idea that some old woman has told her about giving it castor oil and rubbing its gums with a bone.—New York Press.

The Old Deguerreotype.

Up in the attic I found them, locked in cedar chest. Where the faded gowns lie folded which once were brave as the best; And, like the queer old jackets and the waistcoats gay with stripes. They told of a wondrous fashion—these old deguerreotypes.

Quaint little folding cases, fastened with tiny latch. Seemingly made to tempt one to lift up the latch and look: Linings of purple and velvet, odd little frames of gold and silver. Bright and faded faces brought from the days of old.

Grandpa and grandma, taken ever so long. Grandma's bonnet a marvel, grandpa's collar a show: Mother a tiny toddler, with rings on her painted—lest none should notice—in glittering gilded bands.

Aunts and uncles and cousins, a starchy and stiff array. Lovers and brides, then blooming, but now so wrinkled and gray. Out thro' of a wondrous glasses they gaze at me sitting here. Opening the quaint old cases with a smile that is half a tear.

I will smile no more, little pictures, for heartless it was in truth. To drag to the cruel daylight these ghosts Go back to your cedar chamber, your gowns and your lavender. And dream, 'mid their bygone graces, of the wonderful days that were—From the Saturday Evening Post.

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STATE SIFTINGS.

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Point Pleasant's police have had very little to do this year. The arrests have been very rare and the population seems to be behaving itself in a very exemplary way. It is doubtful if there is a town in the country where there is so little disorder as there is here.—Point Pleasant Register.

Hon. M. A. Kendall, our state treasurer, and a very active candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in this district, is in the city. Mr. Kendall feels exceedingly encouraged over the canvass he has so far made, and well he may, for his candidacy is being looked on with favor by many voters of this district.—Parkersburg News.

Senator Woodyard is simply sweeping the country for Congress. Every county in the district is sending enthusiastic greetings. Roane county blood, bone, sinew and brains is in the race to win. A number of counties will vote solid for Woodyard, because he is the ablest vote getter before the people.—Roane Record.

If Mr. Sheldon wants to achieve a bigger failure than the last one, let him try his hand at running political campaigns on Christian principles.—Phillips Plain Dealer.

Advent of Spring.

Deep in the eager lover's voice, When, like a muffled bell, He to the object of his choice A tale of love doth tell. Deep in the early robin's lay, As he the blue bird greets, But deeper still, 'tis said to say—Is mud upon our streets.

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